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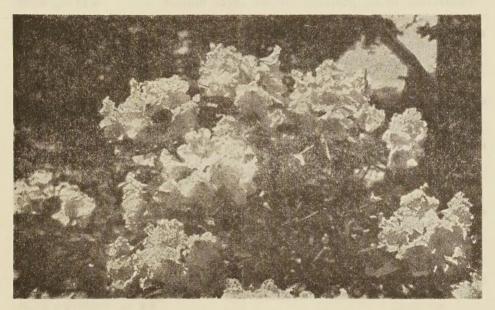


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# Rhododendrons and Azaleas

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RHODODENDRON DISCOLOR HYBRID

We do not have facilities for shipping stock any larger than the two-three foot size. There are larger plants of some items here for sale but arrangements will have to be made for delivery on this stock. Box material for large plants is both prohibitive in price and scarce as yet. Will do what we can but must ask you to be patient.

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#### RHODODENDRONS

AURICULATUM-Very late white with very large fragrant flowers. Not altogether hardy here but manages to live and bloom with fair regularity in woodland sites where it has some protection from high winds.

8-12 in., \$1.50

- BAGSHOT RUBY-Blood crimson flowers very brilliant but the plant may need a somewhat protected situation. It has not been injured here in three 6 in. pots, \$4.00 winters.
- BEAUFORT—New, early white with very fragrant flowers, good foliage and plant habit. Our introduction and a definite improvement on the common 6-12 in., \$5.00 commercial whites generally offered. Stock limited.
- BRACHYCARPUM—This hardy species from Japan is all too little known in the Eastern U. S., forming well shaped plants with beautiful dark green foliage and late creamy white flowers lightly striped with pink. Have good 6-10 ft., \$10.00 - \$15.00 stock of plants too large to ship
- CAMICH—A dwarf growing red of the Catawbiense type which is very free flowering. 6-8 in., \$5.00
- CAROLINE—Another hybrid which we are offering for the first time this season. A superlative plant at all seasons and bearing abundant large pale orchid flowers that are quite fragrant. Early mid-season. It has yet to be injured here by winter cold. 8-12 in., \$5.00; 12-15 in., \$8.00
- CATAWBIENSE X FORTUNEI-Strong growing plants with fine large leaves and flowers which are light to deep rose in color. Where tall plants are wanted for background these are fine. Quite hardy and pest free.
- CATAWBIENSE ALBUM (Glass)—A white flowered form of Rhod. Catawbiense that comes true from seeds. Discovered by the late Mr. Powell Glass. 4-6 in. seedlings, \$1.50
- CHRYSANTHUM—A low growing species said to have yellow flowers. Hardy but exceedingly slow in blooming. 10-12 in., \$2.50
- CONEWAGO Resembles Carolinianum in flower but earlier and larger flowered. Semi-deciduous and extremely hardy. 10-12 in. layers, \$3.00
- CUNNINGHAM'S WHITE—Early dwarf white. A nice plant for the front of the rhododendron border. 8-12 in. branched, \$2.50
- CYNTHIA—Beautiful large rosy crimson flowers. Should be given a spot protected from high winds and full winter sun—a site that will make any rhododendron feel more at home! 10-12 in. \$5.00
- DISCOLOR-This is one of the very finest exotic species that may be grown in our climate. It hails from West Central China and has been described as "E. H. (Chinese) Wilson's second best discovery." What interests us is that it is hardy in our part of the world in partially shaded woodland sites where it opens its great white or pale blush blossoms in late June. Normally grows into a tree twelve to fifteen feet high but more often seen as a large shrub. 8-12 in., \$2.00

FORTUNEI—Very large blush pink fragrant flowers and dependably hardy with us. Another so called "tree" species that hardly reaches that stature in cultivation but is often tree like in habit. The corolla is seven lobed instead of the usual five. Rhododendron Fortunei is quite free from all insect damage—in fact almost immune—and this also applies to its close relatives R. discolor and R. decorum. All hybrids of these species seem to partake of these pest resistant characters to a great extent. I have yet to observe a single lace bug or white fly on them and leaf eating worms rarely touch them. Fortunei itself, perhaps never. Large sizes, 6-8 ft., on application.

3 in pots, 75c; 6-8 in., \$1.50

GOMER WATERER—Late white.

10-12 in., \$5.00

JOHN WALTER—Crimson.

8-10 in., \$5.00

**KEISKEI**—A species from Japan with plant habit and foliage somewhat resembling that of R. carolinianum but flowers pale yellow very early in spring.

4 in. pots, \$1.50

LONGESQUAMATUM—Have a few seedlings of this unusual species which has surprised us by surviving our winters for a number of years unscathed. A sturdy, fine looking plant with pink gloxinia shaped flowers that are heavily spotted dark crimson in the throat.

4 yr. sdlgs., 4-6 in., \$2.50

MADAM de BRUIN—Cerise red flowers.

8-10 in., \$5.00

MADAM MASSON—White with yellow throat.

10-12 in., \$5.00

MAXIMUM—We have this native rhododendron in almost any size up to eight feet. Arrangements will have to be made to transport the larger plants.

1-8 ft. — \$1.00 - \$8.00

PURPLE SPLENDOUR—Best purple. A little on the tender side.

10-12 in., \$5.00

RACEMOSUM. 59717. ROCK NO.—Dwarf type with charming rose pink flowers and flowering when only a few inches high.

4 in. pots, \$1.00

#### AZALEA SPECIES

**KAEMPFERI**—Shades of salmon and salmon pink. Tall growing.

1-1½ ft., \$2.00

**POUKHANENSE**—The wild azalea of South Korea which is quite hardy here growing into fine compact plants generally wider than high in exposed places. The abundant flowers are in shades of lilac purple. 8-12 in., \$2.00

SCHLIPPENBACHII—The "Royal" azalea. The large pure pink flowers, about the size of the flowering dogwood, are produced in early spring. Hardy anywhere but best in partly wooded situations where its blooms last longer in good condition. Sizes up to six feet. 6-8 in., \$1.50; 2-3 ft., \$4.00

**YODOGAWA**—The double flowered form of Poukhanense. 12-18 in., \$3.00

#### GABLE HYBRID AZALEAS

- CAROL—(B8G). Abundant hose-in-hose flowers of most brilliant crimson pink on a spreading, rather dwarf plant make this one of the more promising new sorts.

  6 in., \$1.50
- CAROLINE GABLE—(96G). Brilliant hose-in-hose pink. 4-in. pots \$1.00, 6 in. pots \$1.50
- **ELIZABETH GABLE**—(21G). Good evergreen with late salmon rose blossoms, semi-double. 6 in., \$1.50
- FOREST FIRE (H6G)—A hybrid of Azalea Tschonoskii, very twiggy and dense habit with flame colored hose-in-hose flowers.

  6-12 in., \$1.50
- HERBERT—Red purple hose-in-hose flowers of good size profusely and dependably borne make this one of the most called for of our hybrids.

  10-12 in., \$2.50
- **LAROCHE**—Single rose purple flowers very early. Free flowering, dependable and quite hardy. 10-12 in., \$2.00
- LORNA—Very double pink flowers on a dense spreading type plant. Larger and faster growing than Rosebud. 6 in. pots, \$2.00
- LOUISE GABLE—Double salmon pink flowers of good size borne on a rather slow growing dense twiggy plant.

  8-12 in., \$2.00
- MARYANN—(38G). Medium late double flowered pink. Profuseness of bloom and good plant habit also commend it. Very hardy.

  6 in. pots, \$1.50
- MARY DALTON—(111G). Hose-in-hose salmon red with very pointed petals arranged in perfect symmetry. 10-12 in., \$2.00
- MILDRED MAE—Very shapely plant with dense evergreen foliage and lavender flowers spotted bright red. Very hardy. 6 in. pots, \$2.00
- PURPLE SPLENDOUR—Dark reddish purple hose-in-hose flowers. Spreading habit. 6 in. pots \$1.50; 10-12 in. \$2.50
- ROSEBUD—(B5G). Rose pink colored and rose form fully double flowers on a very dwarf plant. Unusually floriferous even for an azalea and—again rose like—it is particularly charming in the stage of the opening bud. Stock limited.

  3 in. pot, \$1.00
- ROSE GREELEY—We believe we have produced in this, that hardy white we have been looking for. The color is pure except for very faint trace of yellow in the throat, are of good size and substance and the plant of good compact, branching habit.

  3 in. pots. \$1.00
- **SPRINGTIME**—An early flowering pure pink that grows rather tall and will need considerable room. One of the very hardiest azaleas. **6-in. pots, \$2.00**
- VIOLA—Midseason flowers of bluish lavender spotted red. A vigorous grower of good spreading habit. 12-18 in., \$2.50
- J11G—A late red flowered type to extend the season. Very bright and hardy.
  6 in. pots, \$2.00

We like the single flowered azaleas also but find that the double and hose-inhose forms set little or no seeds and losing none of their vitality in seed production they are more healthy, vigorous and free flowering than the single sorts. So we have been breeding toward this objective.